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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS

AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If you anticipate that

you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed

by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov

<mailto:PRA@fcc.gov> and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov <mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the

information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0029.

Title: Application for Construction Permit for Reserved Channel Noncommercial Educational

Broadcast Station,

FCC Form 340.

Form Number: FCC Form 340.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, Not for profit institutions and State, local or

Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 2,765 respondents; 2,765 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 - 6 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and Third party disclosure

requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this

collection is contained in Sections 154(i), 303and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as

amended.

Total Annual Burden: 7,150 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$29,079,700.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s)

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality with this collection

of information.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 340 is used by licensees and permittees to apply for authority to

construct a new noncommercial educational ("NCE") FM and DTV broadcast station (including

a DTS facility), or to make changes in the existing facilities of such a station. FCC Form 340 is

only used if the station will operate on a channel that is reserved exclusively for NCE use, or in

the situation where applications for NCE stations on non-reserved channels are mutually

exclusive only with one another. Also, FCC Form 340 is used by Native American Tribes and

Alaska Native Villages ("Tribes"), tribal consortia, or entities owned or controlled by Tribes

when qualifying for the "Tribal Priority" under 47 CFR 73.7000, 73.7002.

FCC Form 340 also contains a third party disclosure requirement, pursuant to Section 73.3580.

This rule requires a party applying for a new broadcast station, or making a major change to an

existing station, to give local public notice of this filing in a newspaper of general circulation in the

community in which the station is located. This local public notice must be completed within 30

days of tendering the application. This notice must be published at least twice a week for two

consecutive weeks in a three-week period. In addition, a copy of this notice must be placed in the

station's public inspection file along with the application, pursuant to Section 73.3527. This

recordkeeping information collection requirement is contained in OMB Control No. 3060-0214,

which covers Section 73.3527.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Secretary,

Office of the Secretary,

Office of Managing Director.

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